



IAU Congress 2018
7th September 2018, Sveti Martin, Croatia
Draft Minutes

In Attendance

**IAU Executive Council
present**

Nadeem Khan
Robert Boyce
Lin Gentling
Walter Hill
Liesbeth Janson
Solomon Ogba
Gillsoo Park
Paco Rico
Jan Vandendriessche

Apologies (medical)

Hilary Walker

Member Federations

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bosna i Hercegovina
Brazil
Canada
Cape Verde Islands
Croatia
Czech Republic
Spain
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Great Britain & NI
Germany
Hungary
India
Italy
Japan
South Korea
Latvia
Lebanon
Lithuania

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Commented [LJ2]: Bosnia-Herzegovina

Netherlands
Nigeria
Norway
Poland
Romania
Slovakia
South Africa
Sweden
Turkey
Ukraine
Uruguay
United States of America

The mid-term IAU Congress was held at the IAU 100K Championships in the Athletes Village at Spa Golfers Hotel, Sveti Martin na Muri, Croatia.

The following 39 IAU Member Federations were in Attendance: ARG, AUS, AUT, BIH, BEL, BRA, CAN, CPV, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, IND, ITA, JOR, JPN, KOR, LAT, LBN, LTU, NED, NGR, NOR, POL, ROU, RSA, SVK, SWE, TPE, TUR, UKR, URU, USA

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The IAU Executive Council was present.

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Nadeem Khan, Vice-President, chaired the meeting and Walter Hill and Lin Gentling, IAU Area Representatives, took minutes of the meeting (in Hilary Walker's absence). Director Liesbeth Jansen confirmed that 39 countries were present. The IAU has 91 members with 83 members currently able to vote. 42 Members need to be present for a quorate Congress. As a result, Article 15.5 of the IAU constitution needed to be implemented.

The Vice Chair closed the meeting and opened the second meeting as per Article 15.5

The Vice Chair welcomed the member federations.

Hilary Walker, IAU General Secretary sent her apologies for not being able to attend the IAU Congress.

The draft minutes from the 2016 Congress held in Los Alcázares, Spain, on 26th November 2016, and the draft minutes from the extraordinary Congress held in Belfast, North Ireland on 3rd July 2017, have been on the IAU website for all member federations to review. There were no comments provided during Congress. The draft minutes from both meetings were then approved as final.

The IAU Executive Council then reported on their efforts during the last two years from December 2016 to September 2018. This written report had been circulated to all member federations prior to the meeting, as well as summarized by each council member in their oral report to Congress according to their respective area of responsibility. (Document 18-4 Congress Report Final Version 14.08.18).

The financial report since December 2016 was reviewed by treasurer Robert Boyce (Document 18-5). There were no questions and the financial report was approved.

Liesbeth Jansen moved to the appointment of the scrutineers necessary for any votes for resolutions and for the elections. The Executive Committee proposed Lennart Berkman (NED) and Norbert Madry (GER). The federations present approved these appointments.

There were no proposals from member federations or from the IAU Executive Council.

The next part of Congress concerned the provision of information and responding to questions from the audience in attendance.

Known future MIAUCs were then shared with the member federations. They include the following:

- IAU/ITRA Trail Championships will be **June 8, 2019** in Mirandha do Corvo, Portugal
- IAU 50K World Championships will be **September 1, 2019** in Brasov, Romania
- IAU 100K World Championships will be **September 12, 2020** in Winschoten, The Netherlands

In subsequent discussion, there were several questions from the federation representatives.

1. What will be the role of the IAU with respect to trail from 2021 and forward? Will the IAU continue to be associated with the IAAF and ITRA after 2020? *The IAU and ITRA will continue their partnership through 2020. We will be in discussion with ITRA, the IAAF, and WMRA to determine roles following 2020.*
2. Will the IAAF incorporate multiple events concerning trail or will each trail event stand-alone? *The IAAF is currently looking at a trail festival incorporating multiple trail events into one location for a festival type weekend.*
3. Will there be an Asian Oceania trail continental championship? Will there be a European trail continental championship?
4. Apologies were expressed from the AUT federation over the cancellation of the 2019 IAU 24H World Championships. Questions concerned the possible re-scheduling of the 2019 IAU 24H World Championships. The federations are keenly interested in the progress of re-scheduling. *The IAU is looking at the possibility of a September-October timeframe for the 2019 IAU 24H WCs. There was assurance on the part of the IAU that there would be a 2019 24H WC. The unknown at this point is the site and the date (pending site selection).*
5. Brazil indicated they are interested in a 24H Continental Championship. *This was heavily explored for a possible 2018 24H Continental Championship in Sao Paulo. However, it was funding that prohibited the execution of this event for 2018. It is hoped that 2020 will bring better funding and thus a continental championship in Brazil. Bids are currently open for 2020 24H continental championships.*

Liesbeth Jansen took over the chair of the meeting for the IAU Elections for the Executive Council 2018-2020. She explained the procedure. For positions with only 1 candidate, these would be approved automatically as an unopposed position.

Presidential vote. Nadeem Khan (CAN) was elected president for 2018-2020.

For Vice President, Robert Boyce (AUS) as sole candidate was declared elected as vice president for 2018-2020.

The IAU director position had six candidates standing. From the 39 votes cast, 5 were void. Jacek Bedkowski (POL) reached the required simple majority on the second vote and was elected as an IAU director for 2018- 2020.

Close of Business. There being no further business the 2018 Mid Term Congress was adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Lin Gentling and Walter Hill
For Hilary Walker (in absentia)
Agreed by IAU Council December 2018